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Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 4 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA, May 27, 2008 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during April 2008 totaled 504 million eggs, down 4 percent from the 527 million eggs produced in April 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 21.5 million during April, a 5 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,343 eggs during the month, an increase of 7 eggs from April 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2008 totaled 5.3 million, up 6 percent from the 5.0 million hatched the previous April. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 15.2 million during April 2008, up 10 percent from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.38 billion during April 2008, down 1 percent from last year's 7.47 billion during April. The total number of layers during April averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, an increase of 2 eggs from April 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during April totaled 41.0 million, up 5 percent from April 2007. Broiler-type hatch totaled 797 million, slightly below from last year at this time. There were 26.5 million turkey poults placed in the United States during April 2008, up 1 percent from April 2007.

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